

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): An image processing method comprising the steps of:
receiving at least one of photographed image data, temporary camera control information, additional information and indication information of a desired processing content from a camera;
and

reasoning out or creating at least one information of information relating to photographing control, information relating to image processing and information relating to a photographed image, in accordance with said at least one of said photographed image data, said temporary camera control information, said additional information and said indication information which have been received,

wherein said at least one of temporary camera control information, additional information and indication information of a desired processing content from the camera relates to said photographed image data obtained by photographing with said camera;

wherein said camera is connected with plural types of external apparatuses wherein an order of priority is preliminary set among the plural types of the external apparatuses; and

wherein image processing is performed according to the priority of the plural types of external apparatuses.

2. (original): The image processing method according to claim 1, wherein said information relating to the photographed image is information related to a subject or a photographing condition.

3. (original): The image processing method according to claim 1, wherein said at least one information reasoned out or created is supplied to said camera.

4. (original): The image processing method according to claim 1, wherein the step of receiving said at least one of said photographed image data, said temporary camera control information, said additional information and said indication information from said camera and the step of supplying said at least one information to said camera are performed by wired or radio communications.

5. (original): The image processing method according to claim 1,
wherein said information relating to the photographed image is principal subject information reasoned out or created in accordance with said photographed image data,

wherein said information relating to the photographing control is at least one of camera control information set in accordance with said principal subject information and camera position information reasoned out or created in accordance with said photographed image data and photographing place information as said additional information, and

wherein at least one of said principal subject information, said camera control information and said camera position information is supplied to said camera.

6. (original): The image processing method according to claim 1,

wherein said additional information is at least one of information relating to deterioration of marginal lumination of said camera, information relating to poor focus of said camera, information relating to gradation control of density or color of an image, information relating to sharpness enhancement processing or smoothing processing of the image, information relating to geometrical adjustment of the image and information relating to designation of an applicable area of these image processing, and

wherein said information relating to the image processing is reasoned out or created in accordance with said additional information received from said camera.

7. (original): The image processing method according to claim 1,

wherein said additional information is at least one of information related to an image to be composited in an output image and information related to a character to be composited in said output image,

wherein at least one of information related to a composite image and information related to a composite character is reasoned out or created in accordance with said additional information received from said camera, and

wherein at least one of the information related to said composite image and the information related to said composite character which have been reasoned out or created is supplied to said camera.

8. (currently amended): An image processing apparatus comprising:

a receiving/supplying unit which receives at least one of photographed image data, temporary camera control information, additional information and indication information of a

desired processing content from a camera having an image sensor and capable of obtaining the photographed image data; and

an information processing unit which reasons out or creates at least one information of information relating to photographing control, information relating to image processing and information relating to a photographed image in accordance with said at least one of said photographed image data, said temporary camera control information, said additional information and said indication information,

wherein said at least one of temporary camera control information, additional information and indication information of a desired processing content from the camera relates to said photographed image data obtained by photographing with said camera;

wherein said camera is connected with plural types of external apparatuses wherein an order of priority is preliminary set among the plural types of the external apparatuses; and

wherein image processing is performed according to the priority of the plural types of external apparatuses.

9. (original): The image processing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said information processing unit supplies said at least one information reasoned out or created to said camera by said receiving/supplying unit in accordance with processing to be performed.

10. (original): The image processing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said receiving/supplying unit is an information communication unit.

11. (original): The image processing apparatus according to claim 8,
wherein said information relating to the photographed image is principal subject information reasoned out or created in accordance with said photographed image data,
wherein said information relating to the photographing control is at least one of camera control information set in accordance with said principal subject information and camera position information reasoned out or created in accordance with said photographed image data and photographed place information as said additional information, and
wherein said information processing unit supplies at least one of said principal subject information, said camera control information and said camera position information which have been reasoned out or created to said camera by said receiving/supplying unit.

12. (original): The image processing apparatus according to claim 8,
wherein said additional information is at least one of information relating to deterioration of marginal lumination of said camera, information relating to poor focus of said camera, information relating to gradation control of density or color or color of an image, information relating to sharpness enhancement processing or smoothing processing of the image, information relating to geometrical adjustment of the image and information relating to designation of an applicable area of these image processing, and
wherein said information processing unit reasons out or creates said information relating to the image processing in accordance with said additional information which has been received.

13. (original): The image processing apparatus according to claim 8,

wherein said additional information is at least one of information related to an image to be composited in an output image and information related to a character to be composited in said output image, and

wherein said information processing unit reasons out or creates at least one of information related to a composite image and information related to a composite character in accordance with said additional information which has been received and supplies at least one of the information related to said composite image and the information related to said composite character which have been reasoned out or created to said camera.

14. (currently amended): A camera comprising:

an image sensor for obtaining photographed image data;

an input unit for inputting at least one of additional information and indication information of a desired processing content; and

an information sending/receiving unit for sending at least one of said photographed image data which has been obtained, temporary camera control information which has temporarily been set, said additional information which has been inputted and said indication information which has been inputted to an image processing apparatus, as well as, receives at least one information of information relating to photographing control, information relating to image processing and information relating to photographed image which have been reasoned out or created by said image processing apparatus in accordance with said at least one of said photographed image data, said temporary camera control information, said additional information and said indication information, from said image processing apparatus,

wherein said at least one of said temporary camera control information, said additional information and said indication information relates to said photographed image data obtained by photographing with said camera;

wherein said camera is connected with plural types of external apparatuses wherein an order of priority is preliminary set among the plural types of the external apparatuses; and

wherein image processing is performed according to the priority of the plural types of external apparatuses.

15. (currently amended): A photographing system comprising:
- a camera; and
 - an image processing apparatus; wherein
 - said camera comprises:
 - an image sensor for obtaining photographed image data;
 - an input unit for inputting at least one of additional information and indication information of a desired processing content; and
 - an information sending/receiving unit for sending at least one of said photographed image data which has been obtained, temporary camera control information which has temporarily been set, said additional information which has been inputted and said indication information which has been inputted to said image processing apparatus, as well as, receives at least one information of information relating to photographing control, information relating to image processing and information relating to a photographed image which have been reasoned out or created by said image processing apparatus in accordance with said at least one of said

photographed image data, said temporary camera control information, said additional information and said indication information, from said image processing apparatus; and wherein

said image processing apparatus comprises:

a receiving/supplying unit which receives said at least one of said photographed image data, said temporary camera control information, said additional information and said indication information from said camera; and

an information processing unit which reasons out or creates said at least one information of the information relating to said photographing control, the information relating to said image processing and the information relating to said photographed image in accordance with said at least one of said photographed image data, said temporary camera control information, said additional information and said indication information,

wherein said at least one of said temporary camera control information, said additional information and said indication information relates to said photographed image data obtained by photographing with said camera;

wherein said camera is connected with plural types of external apparatuses wherein an order of priority is preliminary set among the plural types of the external apparatuses; and

wherein image processing is performed according to the priority of the plural types of external apparatuses.

16. (canceled).

17. (previously presented): The photographing system according to claim 15, wherein said information processing apparatus is a portable external apparatus which is directly

connectable to said camera or an installation-type apparatus which can communicate with said camera.

18. (previously presented): The photographing system according to claim 17, wherein said installation-type apparatus is installed in a lab shop.

19. (previously presented): The photographing system according to claim 15, wherein said camera is connected with one or more types of portable external apparatus and one or more types of installation-type apparatus whereupon priorities to be applied for image processing is preliminarily set among said one or more types of the external apparatus and one or more types of the installation-type apparatus, and

wherein said apparatus to be applied for image processing is changed in accordance with capability of executing a specified image processing content.

20. (currently amended): An image processing method comprising the steps of:
receiving photographed image data and at least one of temporary camera control information, additional information and indication information of a desired processing content from a camera; and

reasoning out or creating at least one of information relating to photographing control, information relating to image processing and information relating to a photographed image, in accordance with said photographed image data and at least one of said temporary camera control information, said additional information and said indication information which have been received; and

wherein said camera is connected with plural types of external apparatus wherein an order of priority is preliminary set among the plural types of the external apparatus; and image processing is performed according to the priority of the plural types of external apparatus.

21. (currently amended): An image processing apparatus comprising:

a receiving/supplying unit which receives photographed image data and at least one of temporary camera control information, additional information and indication information of a desired processing content from a camera having an image sensor and capable of obtaining the photographed image data; and

an information processing unit which reasons out or creates at least one of information relating to photographing control, information relating to image processing and information relating to a photographed image in accordance with said photographed image data and at least one of said temporary camera control information, said additional information and said indication information;

wherein said camera is connected with plural types of external apparatuses wherein an order of priority is preliminary set among the plural types of the external apparatuses; and

wherein image processing is performed according to the priority of the plural types of external apparatus.

22. (currently amended): A camera comprising:

an image sensor for obtaining photographed image data;

an input unit for inputting at least one of additional information and indication information of a desired processing content; and

an information sending/receiving unit for sending photographed image data which has been obtained and at least one of a temporary camera control information which has temporarily been set, said additional information which has been inputted and said indication information which has been inputted to an image processing apparatus, as well as, receives at least one information of information relating to photographing control, information relating to image processing and information relating to photographed image which have been reasoned out or created by said image processing apparatus in accordance with said photographed image data and at least one of said temporary camera control information, said additional information and said indication information, from said image processing apparatus;

wherein said camera is connected with plural types of external apparatus wherein an order of priority is preliminary set among the plural types of the external apparatus; and

wherein image processing is performed according to the priority of the plural types of external apparatus.

23. (currently amended): A photographing system comprising:

a camera; and

an image processing apparatus; wherein

said camera comprises:

an image sensor for obtaining photographed image data;

an input unit for inputting at least one of additional information and indication information of a desired processing content; and

an information sending/receiving unit for sending said photographed image data which has been obtained and at least one of temporary camera control information which has temporarily been set, said additional information which has been inputted and said indication information which has been inputted to said image processing apparatus, as well as, receives at least one information of information relating to photographing control, information relating to image processing and information relating to a photographed image which have been reasoned out or created by said image processing apparatus in accordance with said photographed image data and at least one of said temporary camera control information, said additional information and said indication information, from said image processing apparatus; and wherein

said image processing apparatus comprises:

a receiving/supplying unit which receives said photographed image data and at least one of said temporary camera control information, said additional information and said indication information from said camera; and

an information processing unit which reasons out or creates said at least one information of the information relating to said photographing control, the information relating to said image processing and the information relating to said photographed image in accordance with said photographed image data and at least one of said temporary camera control information, said additional information and said indication information; and

wherein said camera is connected with plural types of external apparatus wherein an order of priority is preliminary set among the plural types of the external apparatus; and

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wherein image processing is performed according to the priority of the plural types of
external apparatus.